# Maine Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, May 2018

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey produces occupational employment and wage estimates for the nation, each of the 50 states, and most metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). Tables for Maine (statewide), the metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) of Bangor, Lewiston-Auburn, Portland-South Portland, and each Maine county are provided on our web site. Also provided are the Portsmouth NH-ME and Dover-Durham NH-ME areas which include cities and towns in both New Hampshire and Maine. County-level tables and those covering the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) areas are locally produced as an extension of the official OES data series, and are also provided.

The OES survey categorizes jobs into the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. The SOC structure consists of 22 major occupational groups based on the type of work performed. Military occupations are not included. While not all detailed SOC occupations are reported in Maine, this report contains over 650 occupational entries at the statewide level. Occupational listings are sorted by SOC code within the 22 major occupational groups.

The May 2018 OES estimates are based on six survey panels, May 2018, November/May 2017, November/May 2016, and November 2015. Employment estimates are benchmarked to the average employment of November 2017 and May 2018. Wage estimates are benchmarked to May 2018 through the Employment Cost Index (ECI) for each ECI occupational group.

The following information is provided:

## Area Name

The geographic area covered by the estimates.

## SOC Code

The Standard Occupational Classification code identifies each occupation. It is useful when researching occupational information through O\*Net, the Occupational Outlook Handbook, America’s Career One-Stop, and other labor market information resources.

## Occupation Title

The occupational title assigned to the classification.

## Estimated Employment

Occupational employment estimate for the specified area.

## Relative Error (Empl)

This is the percentage in which true employment might differ from the published estimate. The lower the error, the more reliable the associated estimate of employment.

## Mean Wage (Hourly)

This is the weighted average hourly wage. It is the estimated total wages for an occupation divided by its weighted employment.

## Mean Wage (Annual)

This is the weighted average annual wage, based on a 40 hour work-week, 52 weeks per year. Certain occupations, such as teachers, are only calculated at an annual rate due to their non-standard work year. Hourly rates for those occupations cannot be accurately determined.

## Relative Error (Mean)

This is the percentage in which the true mean wage might differ from the published estimate. The lower the error, the more reliable the associated estimate.

## Entry (Hourly and Annual)

This is the mean of the lower one-third of the data set, or distribution. While not published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is published locally by many states as an estimate of entry-level wages.

## Experienced (Hourly and Annual)

This is the mean of the upper two-thirds of the data set, or distribution. While not published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is published locally by many states to estimate wage rates for experienced workers.

## 10th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

At the 10th percentile, only 10% earn less than this figure, while 90% earn more.

## 25th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

Twenty-fifth percentile. This is the lower boundary of the mid-range, where 25% of an occupation earn less and 75% earn more than this figure.

## Median (Hourly and Annual)

The 50th percentile or mid-point. One-half earn less, and one-half earn more than this amount.

## 75th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

Seventy-fifth percentile. This is the upper boundary of the mid-range, where 75% of an occupation earn less and 25% earn more.

## 90th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

At this upper boundary, only 10% earn more, while 90% earn less.

## Occupational Structure

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Major Occupational Groups:

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| --- | --- |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical Occupations |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations |
| 27-0000 | Art, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations |
| 55-0000 | Military Specific Occupations (Not Surveyed by OES) |

## Bangor Metropolitan Area

Alton Amherst

Argyle Township (unorganized) Aurora

Bangor Bradford Bradley Brewer Burlington Carmel Charleston Clifton Corinth Dedham Dixmont Eddington Edinburg

## Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Area

Auburn Buckfield Canton Greene Hartford Hebron

# Area Designations-May 2018

Enfield Etna Exeter Garland Glenburn

Grand Falls Plantation Greenbush

Greenfield Hampden Hermon Holden Howland Hudson Kenduskeag Lagrange Levant

Leeds Lewiston Lisbon Mechanic Falls Minot

Monmouth Town

Milford Newburg Newport Old Town

Orneville Unorganized Orono

Orrington

Osborn Plantation Otis Town Passadumkeag

Penobscot Indian Island Stetson

Summit Unorganized Veazie

Winterport

Poland Sabattus Turner Wales

## Portland-South Portland Metropolitan Area

Arundel Baldwin Biddeford Buxton

Cape Elizabeth Casco Chebeague Island

Cornish Cumberland Dayton Durham Falmouth Freeport Frye Island

Gorham Gray Hollis

Kennebunk Kennebunkport Limerick Limington

## Portland-South Portland Metropolitan Area (cont.)

Long Island Lyman Naples

New Gloucester

North Yarmouth Old Orchard Beach Portland

Pownal Raymond Saco Scarborough

Sebago

South Portland Standish Waterboro Westbrook Windham Yarmouth

## Portsmouth, NH-ME

Eliot (ME) Kittery (ME) York (ME) Brentwood (NH)

Epping Town (NH) Exeter (NH)

## Dover-Durham, NH-ME

Berwick (ME) Lebanon (ME) South Berwick (ME) Barrington (NH) Dover (NH) Durham (NH)

**Maine Counties** Androscoggin Aroostook Cumberland Franklin Hancock Kennebec

Greenland (NH) Hampton (NH) New Castle (NH)

Newfields Town (NH) Newington (NH) Newmarket Town (NH)

Farmington (NH) Lee (NH)

Madbury (NH) Middleton (NH) Milton (NH)

New Durham (NH)

Knox Lincoln Oxford Penobscot Piscataquis Sagadahoc

North Hampton (NH) Portsmouth (NH) Rye (NH)

Stratham (NH)

Rochester (NH) Rollinsford (NH) Somersworth (NH) Strafford (NH)

Somerset Waldo Washington York

## Northeast Balance of State (B.O.S.)

Aroostook County Hancock County

Penobscot County (Except Bangor MSA) Piscataquis County

Washington County

## Southwest Balance of State (B.O.S.)

Androscoggin County (except Lewiston-Auburn MSA) Cumberland County (except Portland-S.Portland MSA) Franklin County

Kennebec County Knox County Lincoln County Oxford County Sagadahoc County Somerset County

Waldo County (except Winterport)

York County (except towns in Portsmouth, Dover- Durham, and Portland-South Portland MSAs)